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2. AMBASSADOR CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTION CONTAINED REFTEL IN MEETING ALONE WITH JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL VIOLA ON EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED SHIPMENTS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM SOVIET UNION TO CUBA, SOVIET CONTROL OVER CUBA, POTENTIAL FOR ADVENTURES THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN AND THREAT TO GOA INTERESTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF USG. HE SAID HE CAME TO CONSULT WITH GOA ABOUT WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO RESPOND TO HEMISPHERIC THREAT.

3. GENERAL VIOLA RESPONDED THAT HE BELIEVED GOA WAS AS CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS IN THIS HEMISPHERE AS IS THE USG. FOR THEIR PURPOSES, GOA VIEWS USSR AND CUBA AS IDENTICAL. WHEN AMBASSADOR REVIEWED USG POLICY TOWARD CURRENT GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA, VIOLA OBSERVED THAT GOA BELIEVED USG/MISGUIDED WITH REGARD TO THE INTENTIONS OF THE SANDINISTAS. HE ASSERTED GOA HAS OBTAINED RELIABLE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN NICARAGUA, WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT WITH PEACEFUL INTENTIONS, AND HE WOULD PROVIDE AMBASSADOR WITH THIS INFORMATION SOON.

4. ON KEY QUESTION OF WHAT GOA MIGHT DO TO IMPEDE CUBAN/SOVIET THREATS IN THE HEMISPHERE, VIOLA SAID THIS SPECIFIC QUESTION WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUNTA AND TO THE ARMY STAFF FOR A CONSIDERED RESPONSE IN DETAIL. HE DEMONSTRATED DEFINITE INTEREST IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE.
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